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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - GKR-GRUNK

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1. TWO DELEGATIONS RAISED GKR-GRUNK ISSUE IN WPC PLENARY AUGUST 21, APPARENTLY LARGELY FOR RECORD. PRC REP DECLARED GRUNK UNDER SIHANOUK "SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTING CAMBODIAN PEOPLE" AND "LON NOL CLIQUE" A "HANDFUL OF SCUM". YUGOSLAV REP REGRETTED GRUNK NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE AND THAT "ADDITIONAL EFFORTS" SHOULD BE MADE TO "ELIMINATE SUCH A PRACTICE". GKR REP EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY TO PRC IN LOW KEY, NOTING PRC REMARKS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH AGENDA, INTERFERED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF WPC PARTICIPANT, AND SPOILED TONE OF WPC. HE REFERRED TO LONGSTANDING FOREIGN AGGRESSION IN CAMBODIA AND ASKED THAT HIS REBUTTAL BE INCLUDED IN WPC FINAL REPORT.

2. ROMANIAN DELEGATION MEMBER TOLD US PRIVATELY AUGUST 20 THAT ATTEMPT MIGHT BE MADE BY "SOME" TO CHALLENGE CREDENTIALS OF GRK DELEGATION IN CONTEXT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (EARLIEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS WOULD BE MONDAY, AUGUST 26). HE SAID GRUNK

DELEGATION WOULD BE IN TOWN FOR ROMANIAN 30TH ANNIVERSARY BUT WOULD NOT APPEAR AT WPC IN ANY WAY.

3. YUGOSLAV EMBOFF AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR, BASED ON UN AND ROMANIAN SOURCES, ALSO THOUGHT IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY GRUNK WOULD CRASH WPC.

4. MEANWHILE, GRUNK DELEGATION TO ROMANIAN ANNIVERSARY, HEADED BY SIHANOUK HIMSELF AND INCLUDING WIFE, PRINCESS MONIQUE SIHANOUK, AND CHEA SAN, FUNK POLITBURO MEMBER, ARRIVED AUGUST 20 AND WERE MET BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. CEAUSESCU. IN AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT (SCINTEIA, AUGUST 22), SIHANOUK BORE DOWN HEAVILY AGAINST US. HE SAID CAMBODIAN PEOPLE WERE "MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER AND MORE RESOLVED IN THEIR SACRED STRUGGLE" FOR "TOTAL AND IRREVERSIBLE ELIMINATION OF US NEOCOLONIALISM" ESTABLISHED ON "TENTH OF NATIONAL TERRITORY OF CAMBODIA." AFTER THE "INELUCTABLE VICTORY OVER US IMPERIALISM", CAMBODIANS COULD FOLLOW "ROMANIAN EXAMPLE" AND THAT OF CEAUSESCU PERSONALLY. HE CALLED ALSO FOR "IRREVERSIBLE ELIMINATION OF LON NOL FASCISM" AND FOR "CAMBODIAN PEOPLE TO SETTLE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS" WITHOUT US INTERFERENCE.

5. COMMENT: GKR CHIEF OF DELEGATION COUNTS FAVORABLE
5-4 LINEUP IN WPC CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST EXPULSION OF GKR.
WE THINK IT MIGHT GO 6-3, BUT WILL AGAIN APPROACH FRIENDLIES TO HOLD THE LINE.
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